

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 as per attached with this response and amendment. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is provided in Attachment B along with a marked-up copy of the claims indicating the proposed claim amendments in Attachment A.

Please add newly submitted claims 23-32 as per attached.

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned application on October 5, 2000. Following entry of this amendment, claims 12-21 and newly submitted claims 23-32 are present in this application. Claims 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 have been amended to clarify the ranges, specifically to remove the narrower ranges from the claims. Support for the amendments and newly submitted claims may be found throughout the specification as originally filed, in particular the claims as originally filed. Newly submitted claims 23-32 are dependent claims which claim the narrower ranges removed from the claims from which they depend. Applicant respectfully submits that no new